NEWS OF THE ALEUTIAN PLANNING COMMISSION

NYC PROGRAM

Dennis Philemonof, Regional Director of the Aleutian Planning Commission, was able to visit eight of eleven villages on the Chain to recruit students for the Neighborhood Youth Program which was recently allocated \$838,500 from the federal government. Travel was paid by the Division of Rural Assistance, but not all communities were visited because of weather conditions.

Philemonof commented that about 80 students are now in the program which places young people from 14-21 years of age with state and federal agencies, or on projects which are for the betterment of the community.

Persons donating their own time to supervise were Marie Osterback, Sand Point: Glen Mack, King Cove; Gilda Shellikoć, False Pass; Frank Mielke, Unalaska: Gabe Stephen, St. Paul; and Boris Merculief, St. George.

FIRE PROTECTION

As with most RurAL CAP regions, fire protection has been a high priority on the Chain. According to Bill Hagevig of the State Fire Training Office, efforts in that direction will bring extinguishers to seven communities, under Revenue Sharing. These villages are: Akutan, Belkofski, Sand Point, St. George, St. Paul, Unalaska, and Nelson Lagoon.

Communities not submitting their applications before the deadline will hopefully be receiving extinguishers next year, Philemonof said.

Also participating in the project were: Don Argetsinger, Department of Community and Regional Affairs; Andree Schalk, Regional Fire Marshall; Ronald Hendrie, State Fire Marshall, and Ilidor Philemonof, Aleut Corporation.

RDA GRANTS

Word has been received from Al Adams, Director of Rural Development Assistance, that Commissioner Byron Mallot of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs has approved grants for two villages on the Chain. Sand Point will receive \$15,623 for a multipurpose building, and False Pass will construct boardwalks with a grant for \$4,000.